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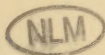
DEAR SIR:

The examination of the sputum from

received on does not show the presence
of any tubercle bacilli.

It is not to be assumed, however, from the result of this examination, that the case is not one of pulmonary tuberculosis, for frequently in this disease tubercle bacilli are at times absent from the sputum, and the disease can only be *probably* excluded if repeated examinations of the sputum fail to show the presence of bacilli. If this case is still regarded as possibly tuberculosis, other specimens should be sent for examination.

It should be kept constantly in mind, that the demonstration of the presence of tubercle bacilli in the sputum proves conclusively the existence of tuberculosis, but the absence of tubercle bacilli or the failure to find them microscopically does not exclude the disease.

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